DECISION NO. 1  ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Regional Committee elected the following officers:

Chairperson: H.E. Dr Ahmed Al-Saidi (Oman)
First Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Dr Seyed Hassan Ghazizadeh Hashemi (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Second Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Dr Ahmed Qassim Al-Ansi (Yemen)

Dr Badereddin Annajar (Libya) was elected Chairperson of the Technical Discussions.

Based on the suggestion of the Chairman of the Regional Committee, the Committee decided that the following should constitute the Drafting Committee:

Dr Mariam Al Jalahma (Bahrain)
Dr Bijan Sadrizadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Dr Qais Saleh Al Doweiry (Kuwait)
Mr Jilali Hazim (Morocco)
Dr Said bin Hareb Al-Lamki (Oman)
Dr Mohamad Yahya Saeddi (Saudi Arabia)
Dr Emad Ezzat (Egypt)
Dr Samir Ben Yahmed (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office)
Mr Raul Thomas (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office)
Dr Jaoud Mahjour (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office)
Dr Sameen Siddiqi (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office)
Ms Jane Nicholson (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office)

DECISION NO. 2  ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Regional Committee adopted the agenda of its Sixtieth Session with the addition of an item on poliomyelitis.

DECISION NO. 3  COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Committee on Credentials, consisting of the officers of the Committee, met on 29 October 2013 and reviewed the credentials submitted by Member States. The Regional Committee, based on the report of the Chair of the Committee on Credentials, recognized the validity of the credentials of the following delegations: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.
DECISION NO. 4  AWARD OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT PRIZE FOR THE CONTROL OF CANCER, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES AND DIABETES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

The Regional Committee decided to award the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean to Dr Khaled Al Saleh (Kuwait) based on the recommendation of the Foundation Committee for the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean. The Prize will be presented to the laureate during the sixty-first session of the Regional Committee, in 2014.

DECISION NO. 5  AWARD OF THE DOWN SYNDROME RESEARCH PRIZE

The Regional Committee, based on the recommendation of the Down Syndrome Research Prize Foundation decided not to award the prize this year, and to call for nominations for 2014, although nominations for the Down Syndrome Research Prize are normally solicited every other year.

DECISION NO. 6  SUNSETTING OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Committee, minding the reports on governance reforms contained in documents EB132/5 Add.6 and A66/4, and having considered the report by the secretariat (EM/RC60/INF.DOC.8) decided to establish an ad hoc subcommittee to the Regional Committee, supported by the secretariat, to review previous resolutions of the Committee and make recommendations with regard to which resolutions should be sunset. The subcommittee, guided by preparatory work undertaken by the secretariat, shall submit its recommendations to the sixty-first session of the Regional Committee for endorsement.

DECISION NO. 7  PLACE AND DATE OF FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Committee decided to hold its sixty-first session in Tunis, Tunisia from 19 to 22 October 2014.